



Foothills Music Teachers Association

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FMTA Meeting: November 18- 9:30 a.m.

"Teaching Your Students to Think Musically"-with Barb Grout

Bear Valley Church, 10001 W. Jewell Ave. (at old Kipling, 3 blocks E. of Kipling)



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

"Time is the coin of your life. It is the only coin you have, and only you can determine how it will be spent. Be careful lest you let other people spend it for you." Carl Sandberg, poet

Wise words, indeed, especially as we enter the holiday season. Aside from the month of May and end of the school year, the next several weeks may be the busiest of the year for teaching and performing professional musicians.

Several excellent time management tips were shared last month during our Penny for Your Thoughts discussion. In case you missed them, they are included in our October minutes for your review. On November 18th we will be sharing ideas on how to maximize your energy, another precious resource that is easily zapped from the demands of life.

We are also pleased to announce our "Newer Member Breakfast". Even if you've been a member of FMTA for a while, some questions may still linger about our organization and all of its opportunities. Please join us at 8:30 am, prior to our general meeting and program on the 18th for food, fellowship, and a better grasp of FMTA. It will be time well spent! ~Elaine Van Dellen

FMTA MEETING: November 18, 9:30 a.m.

We have Barb Grout coming this month with her presentation, "Getting Students to Think Musically". Barb comes with a wealth of information and she's going to have wonderful insights into teaching our students to play and think like a musician. What a great concept! You won't want to miss.

NEWER MEMBER BREAKFAST

Please join us for a light breakfast prior to our general meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th at 8:30 am**. Even if you are not a brand new member to FMTA, you may still have some questions about our many student activities and relationship to state and national organizations. This is an opportunity to get to know each other better and get your questions answered by some veteran members. Please RSVP to robinbraun815@gmail.com by November 16. Hope to see many of you there!

PROFESSIONAL READING PROGRAM MEETING

Please come join us as we discuss The Practice of Practice, by Jonathan Harnum, (Sol UT Press-Available through Amazon). The PRP Meeting will take place at the home of Arlyce Black on Nov. 12, 2015 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Terrific book for all teachers. Come and share and be inspired. RSVP Arlyce Black [303-795-8162](tel:303-795-8162) or arlyceb@gmail.com

BARNES AND NOBLE

There is still one hour available for a recital, Friday, Dec. 11, 7:00 p.m. Remember this is a fund raiser and we encourage all FMTA members to let parents know they can make purchases in-store or online. We will send the online code later. All funds raised by purchases are for our scholarship fund. Tell cashiers in the coffee shop as well as the bookstore that your purchase is for the Foothills Music Teachers Association.

HELP FMTA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each month, as long as members are interested, we can support our FMTA scholarship fund while also cleaning out your excess music. The recommendations are that music books should be unmarked if possible. Please don't bring music with pencil markings, stickers on each page, etc. Used music can go to ARC, Goodwill, or Jeffco Library sales or paper recycle bins. Your wonderful surplus editions will be someone else's treasure. If you see a music book you would like, give \$1 to the scholarship fund (more \$\$ is fine, too). Sheet music can be 50 cents. Please arrive early for our meetings and look over the wonderful selection of seasonal music and other materials.

PERFORMANCE GROUP

Performance Group will meet November 13, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Jan Austin-Peck. Everyone is welcome! For more information or to RSVP please call Jan at 303-216-2159.

MTNA COMPETITIONS

The Colorado MTNA Competitions were held at the Newman Center for Performing Arts at Lamont School of Music, University of Denver on Saturday, October 24, 2015. Thanks to all of you who volunteered to work that day.

Congratulations to Arlyce Black, whose student, Joshua Maddox, was named Junior Composition Winner and to Susan Banning, whose student, Ben Trader, received the Junior Composition Honorable Mention Award. We are proud of your development of musical excellence in your students, and celebrate their accomplishments with you!

NEW STUDENT REFERRAL

If you have openings, or if you are receiving calls from students you cannot take, please contact FMTA's Student Referral Chair, Alfred Born at (303) 984-7464 or email him at: bornmenth@comcast.net

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITY AT SUNRISE ASSISTED LIVING CENTER

Looking for a great way to have your students practice their performing in front of an appreciative audience? Plan to come and bring a few students who want to share a piece or two with the residents at Sunrise Assisted Living Center, located at 5095 W. Quincy Avenue, Denver, 80236. FMTA students have the program from 3:00-4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 15. This is a great opportunity for students to play in a casual setting where they will receive lots of affirmation! All ages and levels are welcome. Contact Alfred Born at bornmenth@comcast.net to reserve a spot for your students.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

If you would like to submit an article to be included in our monthly newsletter, please email Jan Tuttle at janetmtuttle@gmail.com by noon of the first Wednesday of the month.

CALENDAR OF FMTA EVENTS FOR 2015-2016

Link to detailed calendar on FMTA website: <http://www.fmtamusic.org/events-calendar/>

November 12, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

November 13, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Jan Austin-Peck, call 303-216-2159

November 18, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Teaching Your Students To Think Musically"-
with Barb Grout

December 11-13, All Day, Barnes and Noble Holiday Music Event, call Kathy Hammer-303-988-9565

December 16- NO MEETING!

January 14, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

January 20, Achievement Day Registration Deadline

January 20, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Creative 'Off The Page' Teaching" - Leila Viss.

February 12, Sonatina Festival Registration Deadline

February 12, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Margaret Wahl, call 303-238-3465

February 17, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Unleashing The Power of Your iPad and Android
Tablet" -Alejandro Cremaschi.

February 20, All Day, Achievement Day, CCU Music Building

March 10, 9:30a.m.- Professional Reading Program meeting, home of Arlyce Black, 303-795-8162

March 11, 10:00 a.m.-Performance Group, home of Jan Austin-Peck, call 303-216-2159

March 12, All Day- Sonatina Festival and Honors Recitals, CCU Music Building

March 16, NO MEETING!

April 2-6, MTNA Conference, San Antonio, TX

April 8, 10:00a.m.- Performance Group, home of Kathy Hammer, call 303-988-9565

April 20, 9:30 a.m.- FMTA Meeting and Program, "Master Class with Peter Friesen"

May 13, 10:00 a.m.- Performance Group, home of Betty Witt, call 303-456-7483

May 18 9:30 a.m.-FMTA Meeting and Program, "*Teacher Musicale and Brunch*" - FMTA Teachers and
Scholarship Recipients

June 2-4- CSMTA Conference, Colorado State University Pueblo